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MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION

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NEW APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application entitled

CERAMIC PACKING ELEMENT FOR
MASS TRANSFER APPLICATIONS

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1. **Type of Application**

☒ Original (non-provisional)

2. **Required Papers Enclosed under 37 CFR 1.53(b) (Regular):**

9 Pages of specification
2 Pages of claims
1 Page of Abstract
4 Sheets of formal Drawings (Figures 1-5)

3. **Declaration or oath**

☒ Enclosed

4. **Preliminary Amendment**

☐ Enclosed

5. **Language**

☒ English

6. **Assignment**

☒ An assignment of the invention to: **Saint-Gobain Ceramics & Plastics, Inc.**

☒ A check in the amount of **\$40.00** is enclosed as well as the "Assignment Recordation Form Cover Sheet".

7. **Priority**

Priority is hereby claimed to U.S. Patent Application No. 10/087,564 filed February 28, 2002, U.S. Patent Application No. 10/136,478 filed May 1, 2002, PCT Application No. PCT/US03/06263 filed on February 28, 2003 and U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/498,150 filed on August 27, 2003.

8. **Information Disclosure Statement**☐ Enclosed☒ Form 1449 PTO☒

References

9. **Fee Calculation (37 CFR 1.16)**

CLAIMS AS FILED				
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TOTAL CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(c))	20 - 20 =	0	x \$ 18	= \$0.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(b))	2 - 3 =	0	x \$ 86	= \$0.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS (IF APPLICABLE) (37 CFR 1.16(d))		ANY - - 0	\$ 290	= \$0.00
BASIC FEE (37 CFR 1.16(a))				\$770.00
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